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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended) A method of ~~determining the risk of~~
~~developing~~ diagnosing a Wnt antagonist-associated lytic bone disease
~~characterized by bone loss in a test~~ an individual, comprising said method
~~comprises the step of:~~

examining the expression level of the human homologue of
Dickkopf-1 (DKK-1) protein in said test individual, wherein an increased
expression of said protein compared to that in a normal individual indicates that
said test individual has the ~~risk of developing~~ Wnt antagonist-associated lytic
bone disease.

Claim 16-17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein
said expression level is determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays.

Claim 19 (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said
~~test~~ individual has multiple myeloma.

Claims 20-38 (canceled).